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H.B. No. 4244

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4244:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to resident tuition rates for certain competitive
3 scholarship recipients at public institutions of higher education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.064, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) An institution of higher education may charge a
9 nonresident [A] student who holds a competitive scholarship of at
10 least \$1,000 for the academic year or summer term for which the
11 student is enrolled resident tuition and fees [~~and who is either a~~
12 ~~nonresident or a citizen of a country other than the United States~~
13 ~~of America is entitled to pay the fees and charges required of Texas~~
14 ~~residents~~] without regard to the length of time the student has
15 resided in Texas. The student must compete with other students,
16 including Texas residents, for the scholarship and the scholarship
17 must be awarded by a scholarship committee officially recognized by
18 the administration and be approved by the Texas Higher Education
19 Coordinating Board under criteria developed by the coordinating
20 board.

21 (c) A student who would be entitled to pay resident tuition
22 in the 2009-2010 academic year under this section as this section
23 existed on January 1, 2009, because the student is awarded a
24 competitive scholarship for that academic year in the amount

1 prescribed by Subsection (a) before the beginning of the 2009 fall
2 semester is entitled to continue to pay resident tuition under this
3 section as this section existed on January 1, 2009, in each semester
4 or other term in which the student is awarded such a scholarship, as
5 long as the student remains enrolled in the same certificate or
6 degree program. This subsection expires August 1, 2014.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.